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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$56,099,900 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Washington

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$56,099,900 for state, county and city efforts in Washington. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$120,489,074 in Washington weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at <u>energy.gov/recovery</u>.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on

government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

WA	Washington Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$56,099,900
WA	Washington	State Energy Office	\$10,645,900
WA	Auburn	City	\$235,500
WA	Bellevue	City	\$1,295,700
WA	Bellingham	City	\$780,100
WA	Edmonds	City	\$160,200
WA	Everett	City	\$1,045,400
WA	Federal Way	City	\$777,700
WA	Kennewick	City	\$589,700
WA	Kent	City	\$845,400
WA	Kirkland	City	\$211,500
WA	Lacey	City	\$164,900
WA	Lakewood	City	\$541,000
WA	Longview	City	\$165,400
WA	Olympia	City	\$220,600
WA	Pasco	City	\$495,500
WA	Puyallup	City	\$164,500
WA	Redmond	City	\$272,000
WA	Renton	City	\$617,500
WA	Richland	City	\$204,300
WA	Sammamish	City	\$135,000
WA	Seattle	City	\$6,142,300
WA	Shoreline	City	\$472,800
WA	Spokane	City	\$1,986,200
WA	Spokane Valley	City	\$823,400
WA	Tacoma	City	\$1,947,300
WA	Vancouver	City	\$1,574,800
WA	Yakima	City	\$814,000

WA	Clark	County	\$2,282,900
WA	King	County	\$6,141,100
WA	Kitsap	County	\$2,229,100
WA	Pierce	County	\$4,376,400
WA	Skagit	County	\$495,100
WA	Snohomish	County	\$4,828,400
WA	Spokane	County	\$701,600
WA	Thurston	County	\$617,200
WA	Whatcom	County	\$470,000
WA	Yakima	County	\$629,500

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	Name	Allocation
WA	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington	\$284,300
WA	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Washington	\$31,200
WA	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington	\$324,700
WA	Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Washington	\$218,600
WA	Hoh Indian Tribe of the Hoh Indian Reservation, Washington	\$26,100
WA	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Washington	\$54,300
WA	Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation, Washington	\$25,000
WA	Lower Elwha Tribal Community of the Lower Elwha Reservation, Washington	\$68,400
WA	Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation, Washington	\$238,300
WA	Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation, Washington	\$56,200
WA	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation, Washington	\$53,900
WA	Nisqually Indian Tribe of the Nisqually Reservation, Washington	\$50,500
WA	Nooksack Indian Tribe of Washington	\$62,900
WA	Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, Washington	\$217,600
WA	Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation, Washington	\$27,900
WA	Quinault Tribe of the Quinault Reservation, Washington	\$162,400
WA	Samish Indian Tribe, Washington	\$73,900
WA	Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe of Washington	\$25,000

WA	Shoalwater Bay Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation, Wyoming	\$32,900
WA	Skokomish Indian Tribe of the Skokomish Reservation, Washington	\$64,200
WA	Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington	\$49,500
WA	Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation, Washington	\$70,100
WA	Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation, Washington	\$72,300
WA	Stillaguamish Tribe of Washington	\$26,400
WA	Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation, Washington	\$71,300
WA	Swinomish Indians of the Swinomish Reservation, Washington	\$38,300
WA	Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, Washington	\$208,000
WA	Upper Skagit Indian Tribe of Washington	\$33,300

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.